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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5430.40C

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: CNO EXECUTIVE PANEL

1. Purpose. To describe the mission and organization of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel (CEP) Advisory Committee and permanent staff.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5430.40B.

3. Background. The CEP is a Federal Advisory Committee established in 1970. CEP direction, administration and support are the responsibility of the Executive Director, CNO Executive Panel Advisory Committee (NOOK), who is located organizationally on the immediate staff of CNO. (R)

4. CEP Mission. To provide CNO advice on topical issues related to the influence of naval power in the national and international arena.

a. The CEP objective is to provide an avenue of communication by which a distinguished group representing scientific, engineering, political-military/international relations, business and policy communities may advise CNO on questions related to national seapower. In pursuing its objectives, the CEP may operate in Task Forces (Committees) composed of selected Panel members to conduct detailed examinations of specific topical or functional matters. All Task Force members are members of the CNO Executive Panel Advisory Committee; each Task Force reports to CNO; and the requirements of each Task Force fall within the broad objectives of the CNO Executive Panel Advisory Committee. (R)

b. The scope of CEP activities includes addressing subjects approved by CNO that are related to the influence of naval power on the international strategic environment; reviewing current and projected Navy policies and procedures to provide advice on enhancing Navy's effectiveness in execution of national policy; and recommending to CNO various alternative policies and postures for fulfilling Navy's national security role in the face of evolving political, economic, technological, and military and sociological circumstances. (R)



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- R) 5. N00K Mission. To serve as the link between CNO and the CNO Executive Panel. N00K is also responsible for CEP direction, administration and support, including maintaining records and reports on CEP activities; to act as a point of integration for the results of Navy's centralized, top down long range planning efforts; to provide staff support for the CNO Executive Steering Committee; and to respond to taskings from the CNO.

6. Organization

- A) a. The CEP will consist of government and non-government members selected by CNO. Membership approval, terms of service, and other committee management functions will be governed by applicable Department of Defense (DoD) directives and federal statutes. Membership will include a diversity of disciplines, cultural backgrounds and women.
- R) b. The panel staff, under N00K consists of active duty and reserve officer billets, and a civilian scientist position. Personnel are selected on the basis of their proven professional performance.

7. Authority and Relationships

- R) a. The CEP reports to CNO and is authorized direct liaison with other activities within DoD as required in the execution of assigned tasks. Liaison normally will be through N00K.
- b. The CEP is purely advisory in nature. Its authority is limited to review, and appraisal of specified subjects. It is empowered to offer recommendations and advice to CNO to increase the strength, security and objectivity of his decision-making process. It is not empowered to make policy, administrative or management decisions. The CEP may perform its advisory function either as a group, individually or as sub-groups established to address specific issues of a more limited scope.
- c. CEP recommendations will be provided to CNO in letter or report form, or expressed verbally as required by the nature of the matters under consideration.

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d. The CEP is not established to advise on individual procurements and will not do so. Members of the Panel will not be assigned to any effort which would put them in the position of acting as a procurement official (as defined in Section 27p of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, as amended). (R)

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